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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This is to ask that you give your approval to the Department of Justice and Microsoft agreement. I do not believe the antitrust suit was right in the first place. I do not think Microsoft was any of the government's business. The lawsuit was political brought on by the jealousy of Microsoft's rivals. They could not compete in any other way and sought to cripple Microsoft. I think it sets a very bad example for future companies. We encourage innovation, entrepreneurship, but punish the company when it becomes too successful.

Further, from what I understand, Microsoft has given away a great deal to appease the Department of Justice. Microsoft will share any code or program that Window uses to communicate with other programs; Microsoft has agreed to license its Windows operating system to the 20 largest computer makers; Microsoft has agreed to allow a technical committee to monitor its actions.

It is time to let Microsoft be. I support the settlement, and the end it can bring to this interminable case.

Sincerely,  
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